

Dress Right, Dress

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Gloves or mittens must be black or gray, and earmuffs must be solid dark blue, black or gray. Both articles must be worn with outer garments only. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



News Briefs

Congratulations CES/CEF

Congratulations Spangdahlem AB Fire and Emergency Services for winning first place at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Firefighter Combat Challenge Sept. 11 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Because of the three Team Eifel firefighters placing under two minutes, the team will travel to Las Vegas, Nevada, in November, to compete in both individual and team competitions for the World Competition. Check out the Sept. 24 Eifel Times for the complete story.

Hometown holiday greetings

A video team from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Agency visits the wing Oct. 7 and 8 to tape holiday greetings of military members, their families and Defense Department U.S. civilian employees. Appointments are scheduled in five-minute increments throughout both days. To sign up for the event, which takes place in Hangar 3, building 101, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., call 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins at 452-4251 or 452-6833.

Gate updates

The new contractor gate is now open each Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. for exit. Only contractor vehicles may enter the gate. The contractor gate is open each weekend from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. for exit. Only contractor vehicles are allowed to enter. The old contractor gate is open each Monday through Friday from 6-8 a.m. for entry only. The old main gate is open each Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for entry only, both inbound and outbound lanes. Vehicles entering from B-50 are required to enter through the old main gate.

Safety pros needed

Wing safety seeks eight individuals to become certified ADAC driving instructors. Accepted candidates will teach the one-day, hands-on driving course offered once a week in Koblenz. The requirements are: must have at least 24 months remaining on current departure of station; must not be an instructor for other wing safety-related courses; and available to attend training Sept. 24 and Nov. 2-5. For more information, call the Safety Office at 452-6543 or e-mail their global address by close of business today.

Batter up!

Teamwork is key to winning the U.S. Air Forces in Europe softball championships.

Read "Champions: Spang's men's softball wins USAFE, Army/Air Force titles," on Page 8



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Deploying Airmen from the 81st Fighter Squadron, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron receive a send off from 52nd Fighter Wing leadership Sept. 11 here. The team is headed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Deployers depart for Middle East on third 9-11 anniversary for OEF

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Pilots and A-10s from the 81st Fighter Squadron here deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, Saturday -- exactly three years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that spawned the need for Operation Enduring Freedom forces in the country.

The squadron deployed about 10 aircraft, about half the squadron. The squadron is joined in the deployment by elements of the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron and the 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, was on-hand to support the troops and to reiterate the importance of their work.

"How appropriate that on Sept. 11, we're deploying folks downrange -- it's so meaningful," said Colonel Goldfein. "At the end of the day, it's making the world a better place."

The majority of the 81st FS returned from a five-month deployment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in November. Lt. Col. John Cherrey, 81st FS commander, says his troops and the A-10's are pretty heavily tasked, but they are up to the challenge.

"We'll be flying mostly close-air support. It's the A-10's primary mission," said Colonel Cherrey. "We'll escort various Army and ground force elements."

First-time deploying Airmen are ramped-up for this mission as well. Although new to the base, Airman 1st Class Tabitha McLeod, 52nd EMS, non-destructive inspector, is

uncertain about what awaits in Afghanistan.

"I'm feeling great today, but I'm also a little nervous," said Airman McLeod. "I just got here, but my shop has been really supportive with training me and preparing me for this [deployment]."

Making sure the troops are ready for their deployment is a task shared by all of Team Eifel.

"All the base agencies got with us and prepared us for all the items that first-time deployers need to have before we go," explained 1st Lt. Thomas Kanewske, 81st FS, A-10 pilot. "The squadron has done a great job getting us ready for the missions."

"I'm looking forward to supporting a great mission and being with my squadron," Lieutenant Kanewske added.

Supporting the family members left behind is also an important aspect of the total force. The deploying squadrons' spouses groups play a key role in providing this support.

"The other women [in the squadron] are amazing and so supportive," said Aslynn Rust, wife of Capt. Chris Rust, 81st FS, A-10 pilot. "They turn into your family when you're away from your own family. They are going to help me a lot."

The 52nd FW commander was impressed with the commitment and dedication of the deploying Airmen.

"I'm proud of each of them for their service, their dedication and their contribution to the most important conflict of our time," said Colonel Goldfein.

The 81st FS and several other wing supporting elements deployed to Bagram AB in June and returned in November 2003.

COMUSAFE: Happy Birthday, U.S. Air Force

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) -- Fifty-seven years ago, with the passing of the National Security Act of 1947, a separate U.S. Air Force was born and signed into law by President Harry Truman. Appropriately, the president was flying at the time he signed the law.

The swearing in of the first secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington, on Sept. 18, 1947, marks the official birthday of the Air Force becoming a distinct and separate U.S. military service. Up to that point, airpower had been provided by

the Army Air Corps, which later became the Army Air Forces.

From the Berlin Airlift to today's continuing global war on terrorism, America's Airmen have served proudly; bringing courage to the fight with an unwavering commitment of service before self as they answer the call of our nation and the world.

We owe a lot to the legends of airpower whose determination and vision led to a separate Air Force. Their rich legacy lives on through innovation, cutting-edge technology and recruiting and retaining the very best people our nation has to offer.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Airmen continue the legacy of our service's forefathers by supporting combat operations in Iraq, humanitarian operations in Algeria and training missions worldwide that build security cooperation and expand our expeditionary mindset.

To all the members of our great Air Force -- active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian, retired and families -- thank you for your dedication and commitment. It is because of you that we are considered the most respected and feared air and space force in the world!

Airman receives court martial under UCMJ, other Airmen receive Article 15 punishment

During the month of August, one Spangdahlem Air Base Airman received a court martial and five additional Spangdahlem AB Airmen received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Airman 1st Class Orrett J. Campbell, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, was found guilty during a summary court martial here Sept. 10. He violated Article 111, *Drunken or reckless operation of a vehicle*. He received a reduction to E-1 and 21 days confinement.

The government introduced evidence that the accused was previously given non-judicial punishment for an earlier alcohol related offense while stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. Evidence was also introduced that the accused was aware of alternatives to drinking and driving. The defense introduced evidence of the accused's prior good duty performance.

The government argued that, despite the fact that Airman

Campbell was a good duty performer, he should be punished because he disregarded the safety of the members of the Spangdahlem AB community.

(Editor's note: Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice does not specify particular punishments for any offense. Commanders considering nonjudicial punishment consider the nature of the offense; the record of the servicemember; the need for good order and discipline; and the effect of nonjudicial punishment of the servicemember and the servicemember's record.)

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron violated Article 86 by failing to go at the prescribed time to his place of duty and Article 107 by making a false official statement. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman and 20 days extra duty.

♦ An airman first class assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 86 by failing to go at the prescribed time to his place of

duty, Article 107 by signing a false official statement and Article 134 by wrongfully using another active duty member's U.S. Army in Europe driver's license. The commander imposed a reduction to airman.

♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 109 by damaging property and Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$450 pay per month for two months, 42 days extra duty and a reprimand.

♦ A master sergeant assigned to the 52nd Fighter Wing violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to technical sergeant, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

♦ A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd Operations Support Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman, 45 days of extra duty (suspended) and a reprimand.

Hogs, DUI collisions shake up Team Eifel

By David Barker
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel had two DUIs this past week. There were also 23 accidents and crashes, five of which were classified as major.

♦ The first major crash was the result of driving under the influence. An airman first class from the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron disabled his car in the Mannheim region and was processed by the Mannheim military police.

♦ The second DUI resulted in a major collision. A 52nd Medical Group spouse, while driving on the B-257, struck another vehicle head on. After the spouse reported this accident, the Polizei arrested the driver for DUI.

♦ The third was an accident on the A-8 and involved a motorcycle. The rider was cut off due to oncoming traffic, which caused all vehicles to stop suddenly, creating an unavoidable hazard. The rider suffered physical damage to his right arm and side.

♦ Team Eifel's fourth major crash occurred on L-46 when a driver struck two hogs. The hogs left substantial damage to the car. Local game wardens took care of both animals.

♦ The last major crash this week was at the B-50 Binsfeld traffic circle. An Army member unfamiliar with the circle did not see it and crashed through the circle. This caused major undercarriage damage.

There were 18 minor collisions last week: five were from speeding, one was from a parking lot accident, three were from backing, and six were from inattentive driving. There was also one for wildlife, and two with others at fault.

Drivers tips

A DUI involving a collision has blood alcohol content limit of .03, and a DUI without a collision has a BAC limit of .05. There is also a law in Germany that states if drivers drink within six hours of a crash, they are still charged with an administrative DUI. Take the keys or give someone a ride home if it is known that they have been drinking.



As part of the 52nd Fighter Wing honor guard, color guard members Airman 1st Class Elvia Huizar, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; and Jamaal Thomas, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Staff Sgt. Jessica Lang, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Amber Pieters, 52nd EMS; and Senior Airman Ryan Smith, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; present the Colors during the Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony held here Sept. 10. The German Navy Bundeswehr also attended the event.



Airman 1st Class Joshua E. Coleman

Meagan Costey, daughter of Maj. James Costey, 52nd Mission Support Squadron commander, lays on her mother's shoulder in a moment of silence Sept. 10 during the ceremony here.

In remembrance

Spangdahlem AB Airmen, families gather together to pay tribute to men, women lost on Sept. 11, 2001



Airman 1st Class Joshua E. Coleman

Staff Sgt. James Hooter, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, plays "Taps" during the ceremony. The ceremony is held annually to honor the men, women and children who were lost during the attacks on the World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001.





Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Jason Ward
Unit: 52nd Dental Squadron
Duty title: Dental Laboratory Journeyman
Hometown: La Plata, Md.
Years in Service: Nine
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Sergeant Ward fabricates a variety of dental prostheses in helping to maintain oral health, while specializing in orthodontic appliances for 52nd FW members and their families. A mission focused NCO, he contributed to about \$6 million in dental work, which directly supported the wing being 97.5 percent

dental ready. A top notch squadron safety representative, Sergeant Ward ensures squadron members are briefed on all safety measures and conducts monthly dental clinic facility inspections for the overall safety of its workers and patients.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Sergeant Ward chaperones for the Bitburg Annex kindergarten class on local volksmarch walks. He also recently attended the NCO professional development course at Spangdahlem Air Base.

What do you do for fun? Or, What's a fun thing you've done lately? I enjoy traveling and playing video games. I also visited Munich and Legoland with my family.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I like the traveling opportunities throughout Europe and the people here.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I'd like to see more hourly shuttle bus pick-up times.

Wing lauds newest NCOA grads

Staff reports

The 52nd Fighter Wing congratulates the following members who graduated from the Kisling NCO Academy at Vogelweh Air Base, Germany, Thursday.

Tech. Sgts. Andrew Craig, 52nd Communications Squadron; **Jeffrey Dalander**, 52nd CS; **Linda Gilkey**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; **George Granger**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Rudolph Gunther**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Robert Kendzior**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **Ted Kummet**, 52nd CS; **Nadine Lalanne**,

701st Munitions Maintenance Squadron, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium; **Thomas Landenberg**, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron; **Ernest LeGrande**, 52nd AMXS; **Thomas R. Lloyd Jr.**, 52nd Dental Squadron; **John McFarland**, 52nd AMXS; **Mark Merdian**, 52nd Maintenance Group; **Gabriel Nerf**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Fernando Reis**, 470th Air Base Squadron, Geilenkirchen, Germany; **Herbert Tucker**, 52nd MDSS; **Woodrow Wilson Jr.**, 52nd Fighter Wing; and **Stephanie Yates**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

STEPpin' up!

A recent recipient of his fifth stripe, **Tech. Sgt. Anthony Schultz**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron B-flight foreman, is responsible for maintaining airfield and base-wide pavements. He supervises 16 troops and coordinates schedules for snow and ice removal. Congratulations to him and good luck in future endeavors!

Commander's Mentoring Program begins

Starting today, Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, implements a new mentorship program designed to give Team Eifel a new perspective of Air Force service.

The Wing Commander's Mentorship Program is designed to reach two goals.

First, the CMP is designed to give the commander a greater awareness of the contributions the Airmen of the 52nd FW make throughout their tours here.

Second, it is intended to augment the Project Connect program, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander's special interest program.

There will be one of two CMP events conducted each week. On one week, a 52nd FW company grade officer will shadow the wing commander for a duty day. On alternating weeks, the wing commander will visit a work center on base to spend some time with an Airman, and if possible, do their jobs for part of the day.

"I'm hoping to get down into the squadrons and get my hands dirty," said Colonel Goldfein. "There is no work center on this base that is off limits."

Airmen and CGOs are selected to participate in this program by their group leadership. Those selected to participate in the CMP will be highlighted on the Eifel Elite page each week.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

Stay tuned for a salute ... **Airman 1st Class Brooke Guilbeaux** and the rest of the command post staff always resolve commander's access channel problems. Great work! This land is our land ... **Staff Sgt. John William** is one of the cornerstone troops of the phase dock and is responsible for the inspection and maintenance of the landing gear replacement trailer valued at more than \$250,000.

52nd Operations Group

No jive, we'll be saluting these 52nd Fighter Wing Turkey Shoot winners: **Capt. Chris Forrest**, who led the winning flight while taking first place in the three bombing events en route to winning the individual overall Top Gun; **Capt. Tim Krauss**, who placed second overall and third in two bombing events; **Lt. Col. Dan Hawkins**, who placed third overall and second in dive bombs; **Capt. Eric Axt**, who placed first in the strafe event and second in low angle high drag deliveries; **Capt. Mike Bullard**, who placed second in both strafe and level bomb events; **Col. Tom Groznik**, who placed third in level bombs; and to all the Panthers who participated and won overall squadron competition.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

It's safe to salute **Senior Airman Stephanie Da Costa**, a recent below-the-zone promotee who developed a one-stop tracking sheet for enlisted performance ratings and performance feedbacks to ensure 100-percent suspense compliance. She also aggressively performed unit random anti-terrorism measures, increasing safety and security of unit personnel and their families. Loud and clear is the the 702nd Munitions Support Squadron communications maintenance team, consisting of **Tech. Sgts. Todd Borger**, and **Joseph Kazimer**; and **Staff Sgts. Brandon Jacobson**, **Manwell Clark** and **Landon Wilcox**; and **Senior Airman Daniel Ray**, who displayed exceptional performance

and professionalism far exceeding command standards. A hit "record" maker is **Staff Sgt. Marlene Gerald**, who keeps the 702nd MUNSS munitions flight running at full speed with the data tracking of awards, decorations, enlisted performance reviews and officer performance reviews. Alexander the great is **Tech. Sgt. Alexander Malave**, who's unmatched skills led to the successful certification of about 80 people in security duty positions. His keen insight and care for his team members uncovered a \$10,000 pay entitlement error that otherwise would've been lost. A jolly good "fellows" is **Tech. Sgt. Kent Dauphin**, who's high level of academic achievement at the University of Maryland University College earned him a nomination to the Presidential Management Fellows Program. Nominees are students who've demonstrated a clear commitment to a career in public service, a strong capacity for leadership and excellent communications skills.

52nd Maintenance Group

Afterburn and a salute to **Staff Sgt. Shenna Reed**; **Senior Airmen Daren Snyder** and **Matthew Gros**; and **Airmen 1st Class Victor Morrow** and **Richard Anderson**, who all volunteered to work additional hours to see an engine be returned to an F-16 aircraft in order for the aircraft to meet its flying mission. The team speedily replaced an accessory box in only four hours -- this normally takes two shifts to accomplish.

52nd Medical Group

Kruse control ... **Felicia Kruse** and **Lisa Newton** each volunteered to serve as the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron secretaries during a three-week period. A big salute to the **Educational and Developmental Intervention Services staff**, who hosted a hugely successful theater-wide training on autistic disorder.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
 (Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Medical Support Squadron Family Care Center

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The Family Care Center team provides inpatient and outpatient care for the entire wing population.

Number of members: 33

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The Family Care Center is a 15-bed element (expandable up to 22 beds), that includes an eight-bed ambulatory procedure unit servicing patients from nine specialty services. The FCC cares for approximately 1,800 medical, surgical and obstetrical inpatients and outpatients annually. Additionally, the unit promotes, maintains and restores wellness and provides the best possible medical care to ensure optimal wing readiness.

Team's other contributions through the year? The "Stork-nesting Program" provides obstetrical and prenatal care for pregnant mothers from Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, and 52nd Fighter Wing geographically-separated units during their final month of pregnancy. Expecting mothers are relocated to Bitburg Annex at week 35-36. The FCC teaches the sibling class and a child birthing class. The sibling class teaches siblings how to care for the arrival of the new family members and how to be attentive to their needs. The birthing class teaches parents how to cope effectively during the birthing process.

Excalibur: Spang Hawks, Stingers jet off to England for USAFE bombing competition, place second in Top Flight award

By Capt. Chris Kopacek
23rd Fighter Squadron

The Hawks from the 23rd Fighter Squadron and the Stingers from the 22nd Fighter Squadron, along with the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, traveled to Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, to compete in the Excalibur bombing competition Aug. 18 and 19. The teams placed second in the Top Wing Award.

Members of the 23rd FS and 22nd FS from Spangdahlem Air Base; the 510th Fighter Squadron and 555th Fighter Squadron from Aviano Air Base, Italy; and the 492nd Fighter Squadron and 494th Fighter Squadron from RAF Lakenheath, attended the two-day event.

The United Kingdom sent two Royal Air Force squadrons from Royal Air Force Marham and Royal Air Force Coltishall. These included both Tornado and Jaguar Fighter/Bomber aircraft.

"It's all about aviation," said Gen. Robert "Doc" H. Foglesong, USAFE commander. "We're pointing the nose at the ground and putting bombs on target. It takes the training of the flight leads and wingmen to the next level."

Though the F-16 has high-tech weaponry and is a sophisticated jet, it still performs well at old fashioned dumb bomb dropping.

Competitions like Excalibur give F-16 pilots and maintainers a chance to prove their mettle and to show camaraderie.

"Gunnery meets, such as Excalibur, not only reinforce common procedures among our sister units and North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, but -- and perhaps more importantly -- strengthen the camaraderie won through a shared pursuit of excellence," said Brig. Gen. Mark Matthews, 48th Fighter Wing commander. "It's that camaraderie that binds us as an irreducible and formidable foe in combat."

The event pitted the Spangdahlem AB F-16CJs with Aviano AB F-16 CGs, RAF Lakenheath F-15Es, and RAF GR-3 *Jaguar* and GR-4 *Tornado* aircraft.

Each fighter has different strengths and weaknesses but the goal of the competition was to make pilot skill the number one deciding factor.

"By defining parameters for each stage of the competition, aircraft capabilities are taken out of the equation," said Maj. Greg Wilson,

48th Operations Support Squadron, weapons and tactics flight commander. "It's all about the pilot's skills."

The Stingers took off first but things did not start off well for Team Spangdahlem, as only three of the jets were able to take off. This ended up being a big factor in the final scoring of the competition. All of the other squadrons were able to get four jets airborne.

The 23rd Fighter Squadron had all four jets in top condition, and the Hawks blasted off right on time with their entire formation ready to go.

The Hawk and Stinger maintenance teams were up to the challenges.

"Excalibur has been outstanding at building camaraderie among the Airmen and at increasing unit cohesion," said Tech. Sgt. John Barber, 52nd AMXS, flight line expediter. "It has been a great break from the operations tempo at home and has built on the friendly rivalry that is always present. It's all about getting the guns fired and bombs dropped on target."

Airman 1st Class Jason Stansfield, 52nd AMXS, crew chief, said his main goal was to make sure the F-16s were fully mission capable.

"Even though we're from different bases and may have different aircraft, we're all here to learn from each other and have fun," Airman Stansfield said.

Capt. Jonathan Shultz, 23rd FS, won third place in the Top Gun Award competition; the 23rd FS earned second place in a close race with the 510th FS from Aviano, AB, in the Top Flight Award category; and the 52nd Fighter Wing placed a close second in the top wing award. First place went to the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano AB.

"We came here not only to win, but to represent the 52nd Fighter Wing and all of the squadrons that do what they do day in and day out to keep Spangdahlem AB the best fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force," said Capt. Matt Allen, 22nd FS.

The Hawks and Stingers did just what they already back training for the 2005 competition.

"We'll be back in 2005, you can count on that," said Lt. Col. John Specht, 23rd FS commander. "The 52nd FW is sharpening the Saber sword and will be well prepared to win it all in 2005."

Chief of staff outlines plans for fewer combat aircraft

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

The Air Force will have fewer fighters and strike aircraft, but the lethality of those that remain will increase, the service's top general said Sept. 13 at the 2004 Air Force Association's Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition in Washington.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said the service plans to reduce its number of combat aircraft.

By reinvesting the potential savings from operating and maintaining those "surplus" aircraft, the Air Force can significantly improve the capability of those that remain, he said.

"I don't think that even reduced numbers will produce any less killing capacity," General Jumper said. "As a matter of fact, the lethality of even a reduced number of weapons systems will be extraordinarily increased over what we have right now."

To illustrate his point, the chief of staff reminded people of the successful test of a multi-unit bomb rack aboard the B-2 *Spirit* bomber that released 80 Global Positioning System-guided bombs.

"Eighty targets now are the potential for one airplane," he said. "So it's neither right nor proper for us to argue that the same force structure and size is required when the killing capacity of each of these

systems goes dramatically up.

"It's already a matter of record that we plan on replacing an F-15 (*Eagle*), F-15E (*Strike Eagle*) and F-117 (*Nighthawk*) fleet that was numbered above 750 with F/A-22 (*Raptors*) in numbers around 400," General Jumper said.

Money saved from reducing the number of operational aircraft will then be used to improve the remaining fleet.

"We need to recapitalize the fleet, so we look at things like the A-10 (*Thunderbolt II*)," General Jumper said. "We can do that ... by taking savings from that reduction, as we did with the B-1, and make (the A-10) digitally capable."

While the number of F-15s may

get smaller, the general promised gainful employment to those who fly and work with them.

"There is no need for anxiety on the part of anyone in the F-15 community -- their jobs will not go away," he said. "We intend to make the airplanes we have more versatile."

Specifically, the chief of staff said the traditional air-to-air version of the F-15 (the C model) will pick up air-to-ground capability.

General Jumper said the remaining F-15Es will have their capabilities expanded.

"With the advent of bombs we can release just based on a cross on a display that says where a target is, it makes it much easier for F-15Cs to play in the whole execution phase after air superiority has been attained, and be active in all phases of combat rather than just be in the air superiority phase," the general said.

Power of attorney grants temporary caregiver authority to make medical decisions for minors

Capt. Eric Merriam
52nd Fighter Wing Legal Office

Travel opportunities of every variety are available for those stationed here at Spangdahlem Air Base. But, what do you do with the children?

Whether traveling to Paris or Prague, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, or Baghdad, Iraq, Team Eifel parents are frequently confronted with leaving minor children in someone else's care while away.

When going away on temporary duty or leave without their minor child, people must determine whether they should grant a special power of attorney for medical care to the person caring for the child.

In most cases, when a minor child is left in the care of someone who is not the parent or guardian of that child (e.g., other family member or friend), the parent should give the caregiver a special power of

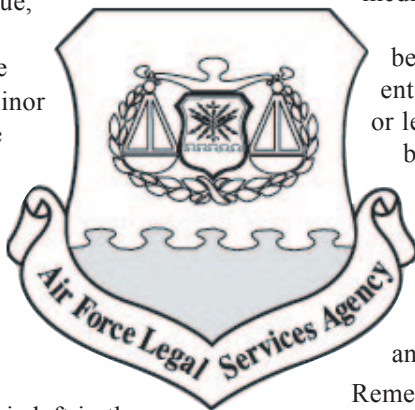
attorney granting them the authority to give consent for the child to receive medical and dental care and treatment.

The alternative is obvious: the parents are gone and a child needs medical care but cannot receive it because no one with the authority to consent to the medical care is present.

The special power of attorney must be drafted and signed prior to the parent going on temporary duty assignment or leave and given to the person responsible for the care of the child.

Special powers of attorney are available at the Spangdahlem AB legal office Mondays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Remember that single parents and dual military parent families have the additional obligation of creating and maintaining family care plans. If you have questions regarding family care plans, contact your supervisor or first sergeant.



Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

Land Ho!

German Naval Bundeswehr members check identification before allowing entry at Spangdahlem Air Base's old main gate. The German Navy took over gate control duties at the base from the German Army Bundeswehr Sept. 9. The Army Bundeswehr have performed the duties for the base since February 2003.

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September Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	561	226	+13
A-10	281	87	+2

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Decisions

CMS commander advises members to remember voting importance overseas

By Maj. Jeffrey Alexander

52nd Component Maintenance Squadron commander

Have you been encouraged to register and vote this election season?

Unless you've been hiding under a rock, you likely have been a target audience to at least some of the many pitches made to Team Eifel members to register for an absentee ballot. The increased emphasis is an attempt to ensure every service-member and family member has an opportunity to vote with the minimum hindrance possible.

I've always maintained an interest in my hometown politics. I began absentee voting when I went away to college. Having experienced several U.S. elections and even being present during some foreign elections, I have had varying levels of interest in candidates, initiatives or outcomes in each election, but I have observed some specific instances of extreme irony in some of these election processes over the years.

South Africa

One instance was the turnout for the first post-apartheid elections of South Africa. World media brought powerful images of long lines of peasant voters walking for miles to line up along dusty roads to cast their first vote. Polling had to be extended to accommodate the turnout. I compare that to the unfortunate U.S. reality of busy, prosperous folks who relegate their voting to a to-do list for the day and never quite make it to the polls.

Florida

Another instance was the one that spurred the current interest in military voter access -- the Florida soap opera of various players counting, recounting, challenging absentee votes, disputing ballot layout and all the technical issues related to "chads." It was quite a spectacle for the "world's greatest democracy" to have to slog through such a quagmire.

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Poland

The third instance of election irony was a personal experience during a site survey to Poland for an early Partnership for Peace exercise. My site survey team spent the days prior to the 1996 election scouting airfields, ranges and support facilities across Poland.

The Polish military were great hosts, eager to work with our Air Force and forge closer ties to NATO. We were ably and graciously hosted by a Polish Air Force Colonel who had recently returned to Poland after being the first PAF officer to attend Air War College after the wall came down.

He had embraced the opportunity to learn and experience as much about the United States as possible during his year in our country.

He and his family had capped the year with a coast-to-coast car trip to see the United States. He put his civics lessons to use on the eve of the election to offer a toast to our democracy and to explain to his countrymen that being that the next day was the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, we would be electing a new president.

We spent the rest of the evening professionally deflecting questions of which candidate we thought would win, who was best, etc.

Absentee ballot

One of my last acts prior to the temporary duty assignment was mailing my absentee ballot, so I had the voting materials tucked in my jacket. I had kept it for the purpose of demonstrating to a few friends that despite having a "favorite son" on the ballot, the state's electorate's devotion to him was far from universal. A total of 13 parties fielded presidential candidates in my state's general election.

The next day, during a bus ride to yet another facility, I referred to the colonel's interest in our election and showed him the ballot. Being stationed overseas, I had only heard mention of three of the 13 parties in the media during the campaign: Republican, Democrat and Reform; the colonel was similarly unfamiliar with all the other smaller parties.

After he marveled at the quantity of candidates and carefully reviewed the list of party names, he exclaimed, "But some of these are communists; how do you allow them in your election?" I explained that we were a truly open democracy and that though they never garnered too many votes, they had fielded a candidate in the race for decades.

He was absolutely dumbfounded; he could not believe that the United States had resisted communism through 50 years of Cold War, persisted until the downfall of the Soviet Bloc and yet allowed communists to run in the presidential race.

The irony that flabbergasted the colonel is exactly what makes our democracy great; every party is able to bring their position to the table, and everyone has the opportunity to vote. This year, the Department of Defense has made the greatest effort in years to get troops registered and to eliminate voting barriers. Don't let the irony of this election be that you didn't take advantage of it.

Direct Line

Cheating

Comment: I noticed again this morning a number of American vehicles using the through (left) lane coming from the Binsfeld direction, attempting to buck the line and force their way into the main gate. Some in the traffic circle let them through ... I didn't. What these people are doing is just plain cheating ... there's no other way to describe it. I complained last week to security forces (via e-mail), but got no response. Sir, something has to be done to identify these cheaters and make them realize everyone is inconvenienced by the main gate construction. We all need to play by the same rules ... it's that simple. After sitting in line for around 20 minutes, it's extremely frustrating to see a handful of idiots think they can cheat the system. It's not only despicable, it's very disappointing. I'd appreciate some efforts by security forces to enforce the rules. I understand they're busy, but the Bundeswehr are (virtually) powerless to do anything about it. Thank you.

Response: Thank you for taking the time to voice an issue that many of our drivers, including the security forces commander, find irritating. A Battle Staff Directive was issued to the base directing A60 traffic to use the main gate entry and traffic from the Bitburg circle to use the old main gate next to the Passbuero for morning entry. Additionally, we recently opened the old contractor gate near Binsfeld for incoming morning traffic. To further alleviate traffic congestion, we're considering the option of staggering shift schedules to avoid the 7:30 a.m. rush. However, even with these measures, we anticipate some amount of congestion will still occur until the gate project is completed Sept. 25.

Drivers who violate the BSD are being inconsiderate to those abiding by the temporary traffic flow plan. All active duty members must be cognizant that they are required to follow any directive issued and will be held accountable for their actions. I ask all drivers to follow the traffic flow plan as prescribed.

Integrity



Service Before Self

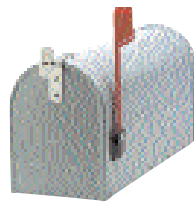


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Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Bake sale

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron spouses group bake sale takes place Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex BX. For more information, call Mary Marchand at 06562-974257.

Air Force birthday

Celebrate the Air Force's 57th birthday with a bang. Enjoy free food, a DJ, Air Force trivia, contests and lots of prizes, including the chance to win a new car. The celebration takes place at the Brick House Saturday at 7 p.m. For more information, call Deb Willey at 452-7868.

Family support news

All classes meet in the Spangdahlem AB family support center, building 307, unless otherwise noted. Call 452-6422 for details.

- Monday, 9-10:30 a.m., pre-separation briefing, Bitburg Annex, building 2001
- Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., creative critters, Bitburg Annex, building 2001
- Sept. 24, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., train trip to Trier
- Sept. 27, 9-10:30 a.m., pre-separation briefing, Bitburg Annex, building 2001
- Sept. 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m., creative critters, Bitburg Annex, building 2001
- Sept. 30, 8-9 a.m., German bills made easy; 2-4 p.m., local employment; 6-8 p.m., money management

Open house

The Spangdahlem Elementary School Parent Teacher Student Association holds its general membership meeting and an open house Sept. 23 from 6-7:30 p.m. The open house begins in the multi-purpose room at the school. For more information, call Barbara Triplett at 452-6881.

Fiesta family day

Enjoy a free Latin fiesta family day at the Brick House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 25. Listen to a live DJ, salsa across the dance floor, help children with crafts, whack the pinata and sample authentic Hispanic foods. For more information, call Kim McElfresh at 452-7381.



David Niebergall

Bowl-a-rama

Senior Airman Aryn Sexton, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron (right), accepts a check from Eric Guth, 52nd Services Squadron, for \$500. Airman Sexton was the winner of the Air Force summer-long "Bowl for the Stars and Strikes" bowling promotion. "I just did what I always do ... go bowling," Airman Sexton said.

Case lot sale

The Bitburg Annex and Spangdahlem AB commissaries hold their worldwide case lot sale Sept. 25-26. For more information, call Alfredo Alferez at the Bitburg Annex commissary at 452-9135 or Kevin Kegler at the Spangdahlem AB commissary at 452-6241.

Safety refresher

The next course II refresher briefing takes place Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. at Spangdahlem AB movie theater. The course is mandatory for Airmen 26-years old and younger, who have been at Spangdahlem AB for six months or who have been here for one year. For details, call Tech. Sgt. Theresa Lex at 452-7233.

Child find screening

Child find screenings takes place Sept. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Elementary School. Child find screenings are for children ages 3 to 5, not yet in kindergarten, whose parents may have concerns in one or more of the following areas: social/emotional development; cognitive development; language development; and motor skill

development. For more information, call Tracey Fowl at 452-9215 or 0656561-9215.

Spouse tuition assistance

The spouse tuition assistance program pays up to 50 percent of the tuition of spouses of active duty Air Force members at Spangdahlem AB. The maximum payment is \$300 per term. STAP is limited to classes offered by the schools conducting programs at Spangdahlem AB. Term II STAP applications are available at the education center in building 192. Completed applications must be returned to the education center by Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. For more information, call the education office at 452-6063.

Youth programs

The Before and After School registration is going on now. Parents can sign-up their children for a variety of enrichment activities. Programs are for youth, ages 5-12. For details, call Jim Dugan at Spangdahlem AB at 452-7545 or Madalena Lovato at the Bitburg Annex at 452-9408.

Chapel Services

For information regarding on- and off-base chapel services, call the chapel office at 452-6711/6281. To get in contact with a chaplain after duty hours, call the Command Post at 452-6141 (06565-616141).



PMOC conference

The fall 2004 European Protestant Men of the Chapel conference takes place Oct. 15-17 at the Sauerland Stern Resort Hotel, Willingen, Germany. The registration deadline is Sept. 27. For more information, call the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Chaplain's Office at 480-6961 or 06371-476961 or e-mail usafe.hcx@ramstein.af.mil.

Catholic education classes

The Spangdahlem AB chapel has Catholic religious education classes starting Sept. 19 from 9:45-11 a.m. in building 139, second floor. These faith information classes are for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, ninth through 12th grade and adults. Register after all Masses Saturday and Sunday or during the week at the Spangdahlem AB chapel. Volunteers are needed to teach and assist in a variety of classes. For information and registration costs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281 or Joanna McCormack at 06575-901443.

Club Eifel Happenings

The following events are taking place at Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

Too bad!

Capt. Michael Foutch missed out on \$350, and **Tech. Sgt. Veness Hall** missed out on \$575 in the weekly Club Eifel drawing. Members must be present to win. If members aren't present and their name is called, the cash carries over to the following week, and the pot keeps growing.

Today

Build the perfect burger at the free burger burn buffet for members from 5-7 p.m. A DJ plays Salsa music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ECL: Commander's social starts at 5 p.m.

Monday

The All U Can Eat Spaghetti Special runs from 5-7 p.m. and features steamy pasta and Melvin's handmade meatballs in marinara sauce served with garlic bread. Cost is \$2.95 for members and \$4.95 for non-members.

Tuesday

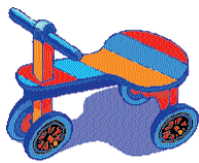
Tn'T Tuesdays runs from 5-7 p.m. and features tacos and tequila specials. Cost is \$1.95 for members and \$3.95 for non-members. Enjoy \$1 jello shots.

Wednesday

Ladies Night goes from 8-11 p.m., and beverages of choice are half price. Food and drink specials include \$1 margaritas, \$.25 wacky wings and \$2 cheese quesadillas.

Thursday

Peel n' eat shrimp, white fish fillet and grilled breast of chicken with all the fixings is served from 5-8 p.m. Cost for members is \$10.95, and cost for children, ages 6-12, is \$5. Cost for non-members is \$13.95, and cost for children, ages 6-12, is \$8.



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Sept. 23. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Spider-Man 2 (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Peter Parker is beset with numerous personal problems while Spider-Man confronts the brilliant Dr. Otto Octavius, who has been transformed into “Doctor Octopus,” a multi-tentacled menace.

Collateral (R, 10 p.m.)

A cab driver finds himself the hostage of an engaging contract killer as he makes his rounds from hit to hit during one night in Los Angeles. He must find a way to save both himself and one last victim.

Saturday

King Arthur (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A demystified take on the tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

Collateral (10 p.m.)

Sunday

Ice Age (PG, 4 p.m.)

Set during the Ice Age, a sabertooth tiger, a sloth and a woolly mammoth find a lost human infant, and they try to return him to his tribe.

Spider-Man 2 (7 p.m.)

Monday

King Arthur (7 p.m.)

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Spider-Man 2 (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

White Chicks (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Two disgraced FBI agents go way undercover in an effort to protect hotel heiresses, the Wilson Sisters, from a kidnapping plot.

The Manchurian Candidate (R, 9:30 p.m.)

In the midst of the Gulf War, soldiers are kidnapped and brainwashed for sinister purposes.

Saturday

Laws of Attraction (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Amidst a sea of litigation, two New York City divorce lawyers find love.

Man on Fire (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

In Mexico City, a former Marine swears vengeance on those who committed an unspeakable act against the family he was hired to protect.

Sunday

White Chicks (4 p.m.)

The Manchurian Candidate (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Monsters Inc. (G, 7 p.m.)

Monsters generate their city’s power by scaring children, but they are terribly afraid of being contaminated by children. When one enters Monstropolis, top scarer Sulley finds his world disrupted.

Thursday

The Manchurian Candidate (7 p.m.)

Bad is good ...

Bad Duerkheim hosts world’s largest wine, sausage festival

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Enjoy the last weekend of the world famous Bad Duerkheim wine and sausage festival today through Monday. The Wurstmart has been celebrated annually for 582 years now.

This is a key festival, attracting people from all over the globe. The Wurstmart found its origin in the Saint Michaelstag market, which was a sales market, held by the Limburg abbey in front of the Saint Michael’s pilgrims chapel annually since 1417. However, there are assumptions the market dates back to even earlier days.

The market had already received widespread attention and was a very important economical impact for the town of Bad Duerkheim.

During bad times, especially during World Wars I and II, the market was often postponed or canceled.

Starting in 1750, the market became a more steady institution, and the demand among the population for sausage drastically increased at the three-day event. In 1800, the market turned into a great festival, and in 1832, it became Wurstmart.

Today the traditional sausage market is considered the world’s greatest wine festival, starting the second weekend in September at the Bruehlwiesen grounds. Visitors consume more than 220,000 liters of wine, 400,000 pounds of meat and 60,000 chickens.

There are three festival halls with 1,300 seats each, 36 wine tents where German brass bands perform, a big amusement park and more than 40 sausage and chicken food stands. There are also 36 historical wine stands featuring more than 250 different wines.

A huge amusement ride park features a 65-meter long fami-

ly roller coaster, the super family slide and the Salto Mortale ride, which is the highest ride on the grounds. The park also holds a 59-meter high free fall tower, the Frisbee Family Ride, a haunted house, the Super Wave Flyer, the Dynamic Trip simulator ride and more.

Other rides and attractions are five different children’s rides, to include carousels, three huge raffle-win-a-prize booths, 28 candy stands, 20 game stands, 55 fast food booths and 59 ordinary sales booths. Music and entertainment will be provided throughout the festival in and outside the festival halls and tents. Other highlights include a historical play and a special Wurstmart exhibition, as well as two fireworks displays.

The world’s largest wine barrel is also one of the top attractions. Bad Duerkheim is a spa resort, located in the heart of the Pfalz region, (between Kaiserslautern and Mannheim) along the scenic Deutsche Weinstrasse or German Wine street.

In the Duerkheim area, almond trees bear their first flower buds as early as February, followed by the yellow forsythia.

Protected by the forests and influenced by sub-tropical winds that waft in from Southern France, even lemons, figs and kiwi fruit can be grown, as well as rich nourishing grapes, which make a most excellent wine.

Because of the central location of Bad Duerkheim, bus and rail connections are perfect for those who don’t plan on driving a vehicle to the festival.

For more information about Bad-Duerkheim and the wine festival, call the town’s tourist information office at 06322-9566250.



Out and About



(Editor’s note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Press-Center Trier at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

♦ Have fun at the small but fine street festival of Wolf **today** through **Sunday**.

♦ Enjoy a spectacular public wine probe **today** in Zell.

♦ The annual wine and market festival of Fell takes place **today** through **Monday** throughout the wine community. It features sales, music and a public wine probe.

♦ The 171st Munich October festival kicks off **Saturday** and continues through **Oct. 3** at Munich’s “Wiesn” fairgrounds. It is the largest volksfestival in the world, attracting more than six million people annually.

♦ The 23rd wine harvesting festival of Kroev is scheduled for **Sept. 24-26**.

♦ Attend the Trier Moselland exhibition, the largest industrial fair of the region, **Sept. 25** through **Oct. 3** at the Trier Moselauen fair grounds. This is a major event.

♦ The neighboring town of Oberkail holds a festival **Oct. 1-4**.

♦ Jazz at its best is the title for a musical performance **Oct. 1-2** in Wittlich.

♦ The Mosel town of Erden invites people to a vintners’ wine and street festival **Oct. 1-3**.

♦ The Mosel town of Kroev invites people to their annual wine festival **Oct. 1-4**. It includes a vintners’ parade **Oct. 5** and a market event **Oct. 5-6**.

♦ The annual Spangdahlem Music Festival offers music by a number of different music associations, food and entertainment. The event takes place **Oct. 2-3**.

♦ Enjoy Tango sounds and dances at 9 a.m. **Oct. 2** at the Trier Thermen, Roman Thermal baths, located at Viehmark.

♦ Shop at the annual Speicher Herbstmarkt, or fall market, **Oct. 7**.

♦ The annual Federweissen wine festival of Kroev takes place **Oct. 8-9**.

♦ Bitburg will hold its annual Bauernmarkt, or farmer’s market, **Oct. 10**, in the center of town.



Courtesy photo

Market value

More than 40 vendors will offer their products to include tea, spices, cheese, bread, fruit, hand-made baskets, flowers and plants, crepes, sausages and more for the annual Wittlich Herbstmarkt, or fall market, festival between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday. Many stores in the center of town will also be open from 1-6 p.m. Sunday as a part of the event.

Champions

Spang's men's softball wins USAFE, Army/Air Force titles

By 2nd Lt. Shannon Collins
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The Spangdahlem Sabres took the Army/Air Force Final Four with a 26-24 win over the Aviano Dragons Sept. 5 and the 2004 U.S. Forces in Europe Men's Softball Championship Sept. 3 with a 21-17 win over the Dragons at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

This was the first time since 1999 that a Spangdahlem Air Base team brought home the win from both tournaments. Team coach Chris Heffner, 52nd Mission Support Squadron, credits teamwork with the win.

"Both of the championship games were very close and required contributions from each and every player we took with us," said the coach. "We worked hard all summer long and never lost sight of our long-term goal, 'USAFE and Final Four Championship.' There was a selflessness that I had never seen before in my 20 years of playing softball. We truly came together as a team.

"From day one, the goal was to focus on hitting base hits and playing together as a team, rather than trying to win the games by individuals trying to hit home runs. They worked so hard during the season. Our practices were very tough and strict, maybe even too strict at times, but we worked through that as a team and formed a bond that was unbeatable in the end," added Coach Heffner.

Outfielder Ben Ernst, 372nd Training Squadron, Det. 17, also credits teamwork.

"We never gave up and always worked together to pick each other up, believing in ourselves that we could win. Our experience level, dedication and teamwork were vital," he said. "This is by far the greatest base-level team I've played on in the 14 years I've been playing softball in the Air Force."

Coach Heffner said the Army/Air Force game was tight.

"We came out a little sluggish and fell short in the first game. We had 15 minutes to regroup for the second game of the championship, and I told the guys we were still only one



Randy Wilhide

Dale Wright from the Spangdahlem Air Base men's varsity softball team, nails the pitch, as Chris Heffner watches on as third base coach.

Congratulations

2004 men's softball team: Patrick Boot, Ambrose Brewer, Benjamin Ernst, Clifford Gonzalez, Chris Heffner, Edward C. Jett Jr., Michael Kliss, Albin Lutes, David Morrison, A.J. Oldfather, Lloyd Oxford, Arturo Tejada, Brian Whelan, Warren Wilson and Dale Wright.

game from achieving our goal. Spirits were up, and the hearts and experience were on our side. These guys never gave up," said Heffner.

The close game was a tie going into the bottom of the seventh inning at 19. Aviano only needed one run to win, but was unable to do so. The Sabres came out fired up and scored seven runs in the top of the eighth and extra inning. Aviano answered with five, making the final score 26-24.

All through the double elimination tourney, the Sabres played like there was no tomorrow, said Pitcher Clifford Gonzalez, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron.

"We had the lead in every game up to the championship game. We were down 12-7 in the fifth but batted through the line-up to take the lead. Aviano scored six more to go up but we scored seven more runs in the bottom of the sixth to go up by four runs which proved enough to finish them off," he said.

This was Gonzalez's second USAFE title win in three years.

"We had the best team chemistry. The way this team got along was definitely key to bringing home the gold. We have stuck with each other from day one," he said.

Second baseman Dale Wright, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said the team is like family.

"This team is like a family. Most of us have all played together or against each other at one time or another, so we knew each other at the start of the year, and all but two players have children and only one person isn't married," he said.

"This team is a true family," added Coach Heffner. "One of my goals this year was to make tournaments family events. Many of the players have families with lots of children, and all season, we had a big turn out with all the families, which made life a lot easier on all the players, because we did work so hard practicing.

Practice took away a lot of time they would've normally spent with their families. Internally, we were a family as well, always looking out for each other and taking care of anything that came up to help each other."

Coach Heffner thanks the commanders, supervisors and co-workers of the team players for all of their support.

"We know that every hour away from work was an hour that someone else was covering and working harder for us. That is why we set our goal so high in the beginning of the year," he said.

He also said it was an honor to represent Spangdahlem AB.

"There was a great amount of pride taken in representing this wing. The wing has a history of excellence, and these guys were a total class act on and off the field. We represented the wing in an outstanding manner, and it was our pleasure to do so," he said.

Sports Briefs

Congratulations

Congratulations to Spangdahlem's Women's Varsity Softball team for placing fourth in the U.S. Armed Forces in Europe Large Unit Softball tournament recently held at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Sept. 11 run results

Below are the individual winners of the Sept. 11 Commemorative Run that took place at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. The run raised more than \$350 for the American Red Cross, which went to the Military Services Fund in Washington:

- ♦ Half-marathon men's: first place, Joshua Ramos, 1:29:26; second place, Jason Privitera, 1:38:25; third place, Reiner Roedert, 1:40:43
- ♦ Half-marathon women's: first place, Rachel Santana, 1:44:10; second place, Carrie Levingston, 1:46:51; third place, Lisa Corley, 1:48:07
- ♦ 5K run/walk men's: first place, Chris Gerard; second place, Ryan Singleton; third place, Don Richer
- ♦ 5K run/walk women's: first place, Emily Myers; second place, Ericha Griep; third place, Heather Rodriguez

Football frenzy

It's time to tackle this year's football season with Club Eifel's Football Frenzy, held at the Brick House every Sunday and Tuesday. The kick-off party is today at 7 p.m. until the Superbowl. Watch teams square off on three 100-inch screen TVs with surround sound. Enjoy comfy lounge chairs, snacks and drinks. Register to win prizes such as football tickets, plasma TVs, gaming systems and more. For more information, call Kim McElfresh at 452-7381.

Iron flight competition

The Iron Flight Competition muscles into town Wednesday at noon at the base fitness center. Competition focuses on the four aspects of the Combat Fitness standards: one minute push-ups, one minute sit-ups, one-and-a-half mile run and waist circumference. Flight teams must include 10 participants for each squadron: seven males and three females. For more information, call DeShane Casillas at 452-6596.

Benchpress competition

The Combat Fitness Benchpress competition takes place Sept. 25 at the base fitness center. There are categories for males and females, ages 18 and older, with light weight, middle weight and heavy weight classes. Prizes are awarded to first place winners in each weight class. Weigh-in and rules briefing begins at 11 a.m. with lifting starting at noon. Register before Sept. 25 at the fitness center. For more information, call Eric Lawlor at 452-6496.

Running coaches needed

The Bitburg High School Cross Country team needs coaching volunteers and assistance at home meets Sept. 25 and Oct. 16. People interested in running and jogging should call BHS at 452-9202 or e-mail Heather Rodriguez at Heather_Rodriguez@eu.odedodea.edu.

5K fun run

The Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Fun Run is Oct. 4 at 10 a.m., beginning in front of the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. For more information, call De Shane Casillas at 452-6496.

Ski club

The Tannenbaum ski club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Landstuhl Combined Club. Upcoming ski trips include the Test Ski Solden, Oct. 8-11; Hintertux, Nov. 5-7; Zermatt or Stubai with turkey dinner, Nov. 24-28; Obergurgl, Dec. 3-5. All trips are open for sign-up now. For more information on directions to Landstuhl or to check out the upcoming ski trips, visit the Web site at www.tannenbaumskiclub.com or call Jason Simmons at DSN 314-480-8761 or e-mail him at jason.simmons@ramstein.af.mil.

Health and Wellness Center important numbers and information

Tobacco Cessation coordinator, 452-9355
Exercise Physiology, 452-6995
Nutritionist, 452-9355
Fitness Center, 452-6496
52nd MDG appointment line, 452-8333
Commercial line, 06565-61xxxx

Scoreboard

Below are the flag football scores as of Sept. 15.

Team	W	Team	L
52 SFS	19	52 CES	14
470 ABS/GK	21	52 MOS	0
52 OSS	27	470 ABS/GK	19
52 CES/CEF	20	52 CMS	18